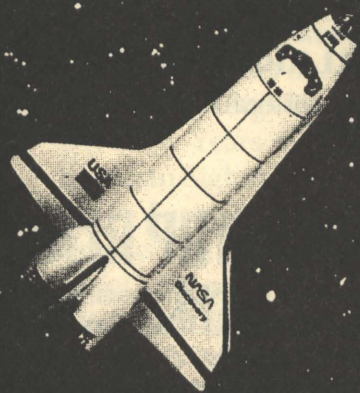


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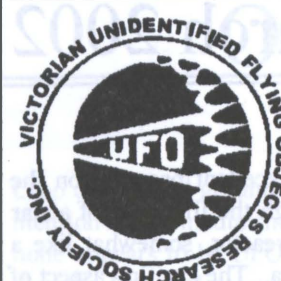
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On Tuesday evening 12th Feb at 9:30 p.m. we were watching an excellent program on the ABC Channel 2 with the title "Space: Life". We were lead through the life cycle of a star from its initial birth and ignition as a gigantic hydrogen fusion reactor, somewhat like a monster sized hydrogen bomb, through to its eventual demise as a supernova. The exciting aspect of this television program was the disclosure that it is this same supernova process that makes the elements essential to life available for reuse by living beings such as ourselves. We are truly children of the stars.

The second phase of this life generating process involves the formation of a new star and its associated solar system. In our particular solar system, material from previous supernovas formed new rock planets nearer to our sun than gas giants. The materials necessary for the eventual production of intelligent life are now in place. Whether the most basic form of life commenced as a result of a local earthly process or due to contamination from extra-terrestrial sources is interesting to conjecture upon, but we are the living proof that intelligent life was the final product.

In addition to our sun, there are more stars in our galaxy than grains of sand on any beach that you or I might have enjoyed visiting. Imagine that the life and death of a few of these stars eventually lead to our existence. With that many stars available in our galaxy, it would appear to be quite likely that a similar process might have eventually lead to the production of other intelligent life elsewhere in our galaxy – an intriguing thought. Of course those who had an earlier start than us and managed not to wipe themselves out, might well be visiting their fellow star relatives (us) as you read this editorial. I hope that you have enjoyed this little trip through time and space with me.

Special VUFORS Meeting

On Sunday, 7th July, VUFORS will hold an extra meeting at the Royal Victorian Aero Club, Moorabbin Airport, Mentone. All other meetings will remain at the Royal Society Hall in the city. The Moorabbin Airport meeting will run from 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. VUFORS now has an office at the airport, thanks to Ric Wilson, our Aviation Consultant and Coordinator.

Why not come at 11 a.m. for lunch, or have dinner after 6:30 p.m. Meals are served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. "to late". The menu provides a good variety at reasonable prices.

View light aircraft activity on runways through the comfortable bar room lounge picture windows. Joy flights are available at a discount price. If interested in learning to fly, instructors are located just across the street. There is also an air museum near by.

Please refer to the June Bulletin for further details of the forthcoming Special VUFORS Meeting.

ON THE UFO TRAIL

Paul Norman © 2002

Crop circles and ground markings have received mention in the media since our last meeting, but none appears to be UFO related. We have neither the financial resources nor time to personally investigate every report of markings on the ground or unusual lights in the sky. Only significant UFO related events, usually ascertained during initial investigation, justify such a financial and personal commitment.

The most outstanding one in Victoria occurred on Tuesday, 30th September, 1980, 1:00 a.m. - 1:50 a.m. near Rosedale. A farmer was awakened by the noise of his cattle in panic and his horse galloping around the paddock. A typical characteristic of animal reaction when a UFO is nearby. He went outside and observed an object, which he thought was an aircraft about to crash, but to his amazement the object levelled off and hovered over a water tank. By this time he thought it was a helicopter, which might be trying to steal a cow. He returned to his bedroom, changed his cloths and rushed to the site on his motorbike.

What he saw was a dome shaped object a little larger than the tank sitting on the ground, giving off a whistling sound. After about 10 minutes the object lifted slowly off the ground. When about 10 metres high, it became silent and suddenly sped away toward Bass Strait. After daybreak, the witness returned to the site and found rocks, which had been placed against the tank out of the way of mowing-machines, were pulled away by an unknown force. The tank had been full and held in reserve since the windmills were keeping sufficient water in the troughs. The witness found that only about a metre was left in the tank and algae, normally on the bottom, was stuck to the side of the tank. Where

the object had been on the ground, about a nine metre circle was left. Rainwater stood like beads of mercury on the ring. The composition of the soil had changed. The soil returned to normal a few days later. Side effects left the witness shaken on the verge of a nervous breakdown, headaches and vomiting.

A few years later another example occurred near Mildura, Victoria, where the object sat on the ground, the soil was as hard as a board. When beating on the ground, it even sounded like beating on a board. A few days later the soil returned to normal.

Such cases have been reported elsewhere. On November the 2nd 1971, there was an incident at Delphos Kansas, where the soil would not absorb water. Soil even floated on the water.

Over the years there have been incidents where compasses have been erratic, including spinning. While in England, a colleague and I found what was causing this. Next morning after a new circle had been formed, a high-tech magnetometer showed a deviation to the positive. Next day we checked again and found a deviation to negative. This is an experiment anyone can check out. Hold a compass in one hand and a magnet in the other, twist the magnet end to end, the compass will spin.

There are a number of causes for so-called crop circles, plant disease, whirlwinds, hoaxers and weed killer. We are interested in the UFO related ones.

Several years ago, two hoaxers, Doug and Dave claimed to have created crop circles in Tully Queensland by using a board and rope to crush

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the crop to the ground. If they were referring to the "Tully Nest", it was in a deep swamp. They would have had great difficulty with a board and rope crushing swamp reeds in the swamp. However, non-investigating journalists fell for the story and the media ended public interest for a

short time. Reports kept coming in and new pattern designs continue to be found. To convince me that all of these circles were made by hoaxers, especially with the compass reaction, the hoaxers would have to show me how they were creating them.

US Experts to Check UFO Film

By Mark Dunn

Herald Sun, Tuesday December 4, 2001

VIDEO footage of mysterious lights in the Pakenham sky have been sent to the US and Europe to be analysed by flight and UFO researchers.

David Farthing, 56, a Pakenham chef, caught the 2.5-minute event on a home video camera on July 28.

"I was sceptical initially," he said.

Mr Farthing first saw the objects about 10 p.m. from his bedroom window, before he and his wife moved outside with a video camera.

"It was a yellowy-red fireball, I thought it was a meteorite," he said.

But as the object oscillated in the sky and appeared at times to be stationary before being joined by other lights, Mr Farthing said he became convinced it was not a meteorite.

"In the distance it looked enlarged on the horizon," he said.

"As I started to film it, it moved quite quickly.

"What I found interesting was that it was pulsating and seemed to change pattern or colour.

"It was fascinating and I have no explanation.

"In my heart I can't say it was man-made."

Paul Norman, of the Victorian UFO Research Society, said the video was the first of its type to capture an event where lights appeared to be moving in unison.

"The video may be able to show the nature of the lights," Mr Norman said.

Cases where larger objects were seen operating with smaller objects are the best evidence of intelligent control, he said.

NASA's Kepler Mission (By Robert Roy Britt, a Senior Science Writer) to find Earth-like planets has the green light and will launch in 2006, to monitor 100,000 stars for telltale dips in light indicating an Earth-sized planet in an Earth-like orbit has crossed in front of the star. Kepler could provide the first census of planets that have the potential to support life.

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Director's Report

By Bill McNeff, State Director, MN MUFON

Minnesota MUFON Journal, Issue #91, 2001

In 1997 I wrote an article for the Minnesota MUFON Newsletter titled: "We Have Hard Evidence!" I will now recap part of that article and bring it up to date with more recent evidence.

To prove that some UFOs are extraterrestrial craft, we would need to get a piece of an alleged craft, analyse it, and verify that it has isotopes or materials or technologies that could not or would not be produced here on earth.

A very important piece of evidence surfaced in 1957, when a Brazilian columnist received a letter and a package from an anonymous person. The letter stated that the writer had been at the beach at Ubatuba, Brazil, when a shining object flew overhead and exploded over the ocean. Pieces of flaming material rained down and fell into the shallow water immediately off shore. The sea water extinguished the flames and the writer and others were able to retrieve small pieces of the debris. The material was a lightweight metal, perhaps a sixteenth of an inch thick. The writer felt that the object, which had exploded, was a vehicle of some kind. The package contained pieces of the metal, covered with some sort of white residue.

The columnist turned the samples over to Dr. Olavo Fontes, the head of a Brazilian UFO research group, who sent a specimen to be analysed by one of the best laboratories in the country, the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture. After carefully cleaning the white coating off the sample, it was tested on an emission spectrograph and pronounced to be pure magnesium, with no

detectable impurities. Dr. Fontes then sent the rest of the material to his parent UFO research organization in the US, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO). Other labs in the US have since tested the samples. They also found the samples to be magnesium; some labs detected measurable impurities in a few samples. It is extremely rare for active metals such as magnesium to exist in nature in a pure or nearly pure form, so it is highly unlikely that a "bolide" (meteorite) was the source of the metal.

While Dr. Peter Sturrock, member of SSE, wrote "after all these years, we still do not have a single reliable measurement of the actual impurities and impurity level of the Brazil magnesium," it is important to note that the Brazilian lab, MIT, Stanford University, and NASA could detect no impurities in the samples. Dr. Sturrock, in effect admits that at least some of the samples may actually be pure magnesium when he states that "none of the positive detection" of impurities "can be securely attributed to the interior of the metal."

The most important test, however, was the density determination that the Brazilian lab made. Dr. Paul Hill, in his book "Unconventional Flying Objects" pointed out that this density can only be that of a magnesium isotope which is not found in pure form on earth. The only way to get this isotope in quantity on earth would be to carry out isotopic separation by one of the methods used by the Manhattan project to get A-bomb materials. We can be certain that no one on earth would have expended huge sums of

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money in 1957 to create such a hoax. Therefore, we must conclude that this material was extraterrestrial.

I have now learned that an additional analysis of the Brazilian samples was made. In 1969, APRO, custodian of the fragments, loaned the material to Dr. Walter W. Walker, who conducted non-destructive structural analysis. Walker, who at the time was an associated professor of metallurgical engineering at the University of Arizona, demonstrated that the magnesium had undergone a directional crystal growth type of manufacture. The process of directional crystallization, which can provide added strength to materials, was being actively investigated in 1969, but was unknown at the time the Brazil material was recovered in 1957. Walker's findings were reviewed and validated by Dr. Robert W. Johnson, of the Advanced Materials Division, Materials Research Corporation (Credit: "The Encyclopedia of UFOs", edited by Ronald D. Story). While the fragments are said to be too small to conclusively demonstrate directional crystallization for the main structure from which the fragments originated, this finding, in conjunction with the isotope determination, indicates the Brazil magnesium most probably came from an extraterrestrial craft.

We can speculate that the craft was made of magnesium to cause it to self-destruct in case of an accident, to prevent the technology from falling into the hands of a people who may not have been ready to use it properly namely, the human race and that this strategy was almost 100% successful.

One of the presentations at the 2001 MUFON Symposium was by Dr. Roger Leir, titled "Alien Abduction ---Alien Implants ---Why???????" A team headed by Dr. Leir has thoroughly documented with cameras and camcorders the re-

moval of suspected alien implants from a number of people. He writes, "Today we have performed nine surgeries, which have yielded ten objects. One of these objects was merely an expensive piece of bottle glass" But the rest of the objects are more interesting. Perhaps the most interesting are the six objects, which are metallic. The most recent surgery was performed on February 5, 2000. The patient, Tim Cullen, and his wife were returning to Yuma, Colorado in 1978 when an unknown craft landed near their car. Two lights shone on them, which were almost blinding in their brightness. The next thing they recalled is that Tim turned and made a statement to his wife that they should get going back home now. It appears an episode of time was missing. He feels that during this episode that an object was implanted into his left wrist.

An x-ray showed a metallic body in his left wrist area. A Gauss meter indicated a 6 milligauss magnetic reading. In addition, a probe constructed by Beckwith Research in Florida showed that a pulsed electromagnetic signal was being generated by the object. Surgery to remove the object revealed a small cantaloupe-seed-shaped device. Similar to previous objects, the device was covered with an anomalous membrane.


Analysis was done by a "world-class" laboratory in Texas. These studies revealed that the main elemental component was iron and this iron was amorphous. Dr. Leir says he was able to learn that one of [the US's] secret technical accomplishments was that we are now able to make amorphous metals, but what amazed the scientists was that this amorphous iron was highly magnetic. They explained that we have no process for accomplishing this feat. This, along with analysis of other implants previously

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documented, is strong evidence for the extraterrestrial nature of these objects.

(Refer to website: <http://www.ufowatchdog.com>)

Dr. Leir has documented his research into alleged alien implants in "The Aliens and the Scalpel and Casebook Alien Implants", available at local bookstores and Amazon.com.

 Article forwarded from the publication "The UFO Enigma", Issue: Oct 2001. Address: P.O. Box 31544, St. Louis, MO 63131.

Object Near Sun-like Star Caught on Film

Astronomers have recently taken optical images of a giant planet-like body orbiting a sun-like star, making it the closest ever observed around a star through direct imaging.

The object is a brown dwarf and its parent star is less than the distance from Uranus to the Sun away.

A brown dwarf is an object somewhere between a planet and a star, having considerably more mass than the largest planets but not enough mass to ignite the thermonuclear reactions necessary to become a star.

University of Hawaii astronomer, Michael Liu using telescopes at the top of Mauna Kea volcano, made the discovery.

Mothman Movie

Many of us have read the book, "The Mothman Prophecies", written by investigator John A. Keel back in 1975. The book details the happenings in Point Pleasant, West Virginia which started in 1966 when two young couples reported seeing a winged man with "glowing eyes" on a road near the town.

Several people reported seeing the mothman whilst others reported strange lights in the sky. Sightings continued for nearly a year with national press coverage and investigations by the police. Things came to an end in 1967 when the town's Silver Bridge collapsed into the Ohio River killing 46 people.

Some say that the mothman had come to warn them of the coming tragedy whilst others believe he may have caused it.

Hollywood has grabbed onto the Mothman legend and a movie has been made starring Richard Gere as a fictionalised version of John Keel. Read more at <http://www.themothmanlives.com> and expect to see the movie in Australia around the middle of this year.

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Selected extracts from Filer's Files #05-2002 MUFON Skywatch Investigations

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UFOs were observed over Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Louisiana, Arkansas, California, New Hampshire, Hawaii, Mexico, Brazil, England and Italy. A new UFO Museum opens in Ankara, Turkey.

Arkansas Abduction

Carlyle -- Paul S. wrote, I was abducted October 28, 1999, on the north side of the railroad bridge while boating in Carlyle. That was my third known abduction that year. Two were from The Lake of the Ozarks.

I remember very little of the actual abduction, but I was able to recall the position changes. It took some time to figure out what happened and I am still remembering only bits and pieces.

I remember boating under the bridge near the railroad embankment when I paused to open a map in order locate the main channel. The next thing I remember is being one quarter of a mile into the stumped filled northern section of the lake.

I was understandably confused and disoriented. I figured out where I was with a map and compass, which is normally not needed there. I then proceeded to explore and fish the area totally forgetting the position change.

I was reminded by what I think is an unusual trigger using the GPS equipment in my boat. I found a way to put my saved GPS trails on a computer map. When I put the saved trail from that fishing trip on the map I got a shock.

The trail went over the railroad embankment and back in a rapidly moving narrow parabolic curve. Somehow the boat had to be flying in the air. Then there is a gap and the spot the trail starts again is the spot I remembered, "appearing" at.

When I saw the evidence, the memory of the position change came back as if I had never forgotten it. The same thing occurred at the second Lake of the Ozarks abduction.

I went to a therapist in St. Louis and in eleven sessions was able to get no further. I kept blocking up when I got to the point of the abductions. I do have a memory of a grey alien and a structure on the craft. I have some other mental pictures, but I am not sure of them.

Predictably I began to remember some things from my childhood that indicates a possible history of these things. I have been writing a narrative of the events as I recall them with my opinions and thoughts on it. It seems to be good therapy. I seem to be affected less than many abductees. Thanks to Paul S.

Editor's Note -- I encourage abduction reports particularly when some evidence such as this Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking is found. The GPS system provides accurate time and location within fifteen feet giving credibility to an alleged abduction.

In recent years the science as made amazing strides and interest in abductions has been hurt

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by the lack of supporting evidence. Here is a case that provides some key evidence.

For a thousand dollars anyone can put a satellite tracking system into their vehicle that is about the size of a pound of margarine. The only way this tracking data could have occurred is with a hovering craft.

New Hampshire UFO Sightings Not Yet Identified

Fremont - Unidentified flying objects are not unusual in Rockingham County.

At an increasing pace over the last decade, UFOs have been sighted performing a gymnast's repertoire of aerial maneuvers. The Web site www.ufopage.com lists 33 documented sightings since 1995.

On January 24, 2002, New Hampshire may have been visited again. At 10:04 p.m. Fremont Police Officer H.D. Wood was dispatched to Main Street to investigate a report of two objects hovering silently in the air. The objects were described as "bright and full of lights," according to the police report.

Wood had been on these calls before, though his department lacks any protocol to follow and the police academy does not train cadets for these situations. "Quite frankly, I don't believe we have a policy as to how to handle this kind of thing," Wood said. "I guess it's common sense, really."

Wood said the witness was describing the actions of the UFOs, as he was en route. The witness described the objects as hovering silently in the air. The larger of the two objects flew south toward Sandown. The smaller object flew north

toward Brentwood. They were gone when Wood, assisted by a Brentwood police officer, pulled up.

"We arrived on the scene and (the witness) said, 'I'm not crazy. I'm not on drugs,'" Wood recalled. He said the witness and the witness's wife and daughter all saw the objects. The witness claimed a passing motorist also saw the event but didn't stop.

Wood investigated the area, saw no evidence the snow had been disturbed and wrote his report. Without other witnesses or any physical indication of a visitation, Wood said he considers the case closed.

"In my mind, if it's substantiated, you call the FAA to see if there are any reports of aircraft in the area," Wood said. "Then you call other dispatch centres to see if they've gotten calls, because what happens is, if something is sighted, everyone is going to call."

Wood said his first reaction when he received the call was to seek background on the caller. "To be honest, when I did get the call I did pull up my laptop to see if we'd had any previous contact at this address," Wood said. He describes himself as a skeptic, but said he absolutely believes the witness did see something.

"I was sceptical at first," he said. "Then I listened to the person discuss the issue and they were very adamant that they saw something."

Fremont Police Chief Neal Janvrin was an officer with the Exeter Police Department on Sep. 3, 1965, the day of New Hampshire's most notorious UFO sighting, an incident that became the subject of a book, "Incident at Exeter." That day would be a significant date in history for believers in alien visitations.

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It is rare that a police officer can substantiate a sighting, but on this day two of Janvrin's fellow officers, Dave Hunt, and Gene Bertrand, as well as many civilians, would report seeing a large, elliptical object with red lights around it. The object reportedly moved between houses and trees while the lights blinked in sequence.

Janvrin said he's been on UFO calls before, but he's never seen a UFO himself. Janvrin said the only thing an officer can do is take a report. "Obviously, if we get there and we see something we would try and photograph it," he said. "If there was some sign of disturbance we would record it."

Janvrin said he doesn't consider himself a non-believer, but does not have enough evidence to say he is a believer. "You look up in the sky, you see all the suns, and every sun has so many planets I guess the possibility does exist. We're on this planet," he said.

He added that Hunt and Bertrand's experience gives him pause to reconsider. "They were two guys who I worked with and I trusted," Janvrin said. Thanks to: Rockingham News, Plaistow / NH.

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Maryland Fluorescent Green-Blue Centred Egg-Shaped Object

Bel Air -- As the witnesses were driving south on Tollgate Road on January 7, 2002, they saw a bright fluorescent green colored glowing egg shaped object with a faint blue centre. It was travelling from northeast to southwest.

It seemed to suddenly drop from the sky and followed a path that started high and decreased lower in the sky even though when the object did disappear it was still very high but lower from where it started.

We listened for an explosion like fireworks, but we heard or saw nothing. We figured it could not have been a meteor because the object would have been white, red, or yellow and it would have not followed a curved arc shaped path.

The object from our car window was very large and it was travelling at an extremely fast pace, like a falling star. The object had a faint blue centre surrounded in green. There was no tail.

You could definitely see a blue dot in the centre of the object and you could notice where the objects edges were. When the object disappeared it was going very fast and was still very high above the horizon. It disappeared instantly with no explosion, sound, or change of shape or colour.

Baltimore -- At the same time witnesses saw a streaking white light that turned blue and accelerated at incredible speed. The witness says, "I noticed a streaking white light similar to a 'shooting star' but two or three times larger. The light suddenly turned into a blue light that was even larger and then accelerated forward at an incredible rate and was no longer visible." Peter B. Davenport, Director National UFO Reporting Centre www.nuforc.com

Georgia White Round Spinning Object Flashing White, Red, Green Lights

The witness reports that on January 9, 2002, the UFO hovered and did not move for two hours. At 3:00 a.m., in only ten minutes it flew behind

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the tree line and was gone. It was a round very bright blinking light that was brighter than the northern star. With binoculars you could see it had flashing white, red, and green lights.

Walter Sheets MUFON State Director reports that sightings have been relatively quiet as far as incoming Georgia reports go for 2002. I would like to mention again that the short trend of non-cooperative witnesses continued through the end of 2001, with another that filed an initial report, but failed to do a sit-down with our personnel to make it 'official.'

This type of thing happens -- just wish it would happen somewhere else! I particularly dislike the way some witnesses have acted -- standing up our personnel, not returning phone calls etc. Of course, with persons acting like that, their reports would probably not have stood up to our first hand scrutiny anyway.

We did receive one older unusual report via WUFOD, that during October of 1997, a Jefferson Georgia couple arrived home one night at about 10:00 p.m. They turned into their driveway and noticed a red glow eight feet away from their front door in the yard and six feet off of the ground.

Upon closer examination, the red glow was the intensity of a red Christmas light, and about the size of a softball. It hovered as the witnesses drove to the end of the driveway and began to observe for several minutes.

They noticed that their three outdoor dogs were sitting in a small circle underneath the glowing ball. The 45-pound dogs appeared to be nervously happy, stretching their necks upward and excited.

They would not break their sitting position, and were only intent upon looking up at the glow.

The dogs were normally frisky types that would go after something aggressively, but not that night.

It was almost like the glowing ball was 'talking' to their dogs, making them happy while they sat underneath in the circle. The Mrs. finally walked toward the glow with her husband unsure about the wisdom in that. She said that she would have reached out to grab at it, but that it moved upwards to about 25 feet and then blinked out as she approached.

She felt the round ball was still there even after it blinked out at 25 feet, due to the dogs continued conduct. After failing to relocate the ball of light, they went on about their evening activities.

About ten minutes later, her husband went out back to feed the animals. He called them, then once again observed the red ball of light as it flew over the house into the backyard. It continued into an adjacent field for about 500 feet and landed in the field and then once again went out, vanishing for good. These are excellent witnesses.

On April 25, 1998, about six months later, a report of a red glow in the shape of a thin straight line, hovering, then moving at incredible speed, was reported in Comer, by a University of Georgia student, majoring in physics, See ISUR File #100132, and MUFONGA@webtv.net. Thanks to Tom Sheets.

Arizona Flying Triangle and White Object Streaks Across Sky, Explodes

Phoenix -- On January 10, 2002, the witness was driving south on Litchfield Road in Avondale area of Phoenix at 9:30 p.m., when he saw an extremely bright object burning bluish white streaking across the night sky.

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The object appeared to be headed in a south-westerly direction when it appeared to me in the left peripheral area of my sight. The witness pointed and shouted out excitedly to his 8 year old daughter.

The witness states, "Then the object seemed to explode into an orange and red ball of flame then blinked out. A moment later it flared up again directly below the point I had last seen it and was falling toward the ground and no longer streaking across the horizon as before," he said.

Then it burned completely out just before reaching the horizon. Before and after the orange-red blast, the object was burning so brightly that it cast a faint blue hue on the horizon, lighting up everything in sight. It also had a burning white tail that trailed behind it.

Chandler -- Twenty minutes later, another witness was driving south on Route 101 between Ray and Chandler Boulevard at 9:50 p.m. A defining green cylinder shaped object flew overhead and skimmed diagonally through the sky at high speed, much like a shooting star.

The only possible thing I could have mistaken this for is a meteor. However, it was a definite color of bright green and had a defining shape of a cylinder. It did not resemble a shooting star or a meteor in the way that they both appear to have tails as they shoot through the sky. This did not, it flew through the sky like a perfect and very fast craft.

Thanks to Peter B. Davenport, Director NUFORC www.nuforc.com

Hawaii Two Round White Lights Moving

Kapalua Bay, Maui -- The witnesses were out whale watching on Kapalua Bay on January

9, 2002, when two round lights appeared in the middle of the Bay at 7:50 a.m.

At first, they thought it was a boat as it started to move across the water, but the two lights moved together very smoothly, and started flying so they thought it was a plane flying very close to the water. As it moved steadily across the Bay the witness ran to get his binoculars.

The two lights move from right to left. The witness states, "With the binoculars I still could not see anything but two round lights, there was not any craft or any kind of mass around the lights."

If it had been a plane, the object would have had to be coming in our direction. As the objects reached towards the shore on the left of the Bay they rose like a plane, then disappeared. At this point they were going away from our direction and they were still two round lights.

If it had been a plane there would not have been two round lights because of the direction they were going. All of this took only two minutes. It was a beautiful clear morning and many tourists go out whale watching. It puzzled me and I could not come up with a reasonable explanation for these lights.

Thanks to Peter B. Davenport, NUFORC www.nuforc.com

Mexico UFO Sighting

Merida, Yucatan -- On January 22, 2002, at 3:05 p.m., David Antonio Triay Lucatero reports sighting an elongated discoidal shaped object, silvery-white in color, for 20 seconds.

I was standing outside, looking at the sky to the north, when I saw a discoidal object emerge from a small cloud at an altitude some 30 de-

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grees over the horizon. It moved from west to east at high speed, making a small curve toward the southwest and then returning to a northwest heading.

Its movements appeared to be intelligently guided; when I calculated that it heading lead it toward a cloudless area. I ran into my house to fetch some 16 x 50 binoculars and an Olympus f=50mm camera.

This one-minute delay in returning to the place where the sighting occurred meant that the object had already vanished from sight. No trace of it was found after scanning the sky with binoculars, stressing the fact that its heading took it toward a part of the sky that was free of clouds.

The sky had scattered clouds at 764 meters (2500 ft), wind was blowing ESE at 29.0 km/h (18 mph), and the object left no wake in its path. It could be seen as having a metallic volume (sic). It could be said that the object's size was about 1/4 that of the waxing Moon when seen to the east.

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Brazil Strange Light

Calama -- There was a one-of-a-kind break in the morning routine of some workers and residents of the El Loa region who saw an enigmatic static and cylindrical light. Reports place the event at around 7:30 hours to the west of Cerro La Cruz.

According to eyewitness accounts, the distance did not allow for a detailed view of the light,

therefore it could fairly be described as an unidentified flying object or UFO. "The fact is that I don't know what it really was, it could have been a weather balloon or something else, I don't know, but it looked very strange," said a resident who was heading toward Chuquicamata at that time of day.

When consulted about this event, the authorities of the Office of Civil Aeronautics of Antofagasta and Calama pointed out that their instruments picked up nothing at the time in question. "Generally people notify us when sightings of this kind take place, but this time we received no reports of anything similar," explained Renzi Jara, manager of the El Loa Airport.

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England Yellow Egg-Shaped Object

Richmond, North Yorkshire -- The witness reports that on January 3, 2002, an unidentified object approached diagonally from the south at 150 mph. It was a 100 feet long yellow egg shaped object about 50 feet tall with a blue light being emitted from beneath. It stopped at 4.00 p.m., and hovered ten feet above the field next to the golf course for about 25 seconds.

As the object hovered above the field we could see at least ten sheep in the field. The object appeared to be hovering above a sheep, which didn't seem to be afraid.

It wasn't moving much at all. Then the sheep simply disappeared into thin air. This is when the Object left at an incredible rate, which was then followed by a sonic boom. It departed at approximately 300 m/s in a vertical direction.

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After we had gathered our selves we went straight to the farmer who confirmed that one of his sheep was missing. Please contact us soon as we have been held responsible for the sheep disappearance as the farmer thinks we have played a practical joke on him.

Thanks to Fatcash90@hotmail.com.

Turkey First International UFO Museum Eastern Europe

Istanbul --"The First International UFO Museum of Middle and Eastern Europe, Balkans and Middle-East" has opened in Istanbul on January 18, 2002. The news of this grand opening has been broadcast in many national TV channels including CNN Turk, NTV, Kanal D, Star, ATV, BRT, TV8 etc and publicised by

many leading national newspapers such as Hurriyet, Milliyet, Star, etc.

Even the Russian television mentioned the opening in evening news. The museum is located right at the centre of the 10 million populated city of Istanbul, which connects the two continents of Asia and Europe. The aim of this project is to inform not only the Turkish citizens but also millions of tourists coming to Istanbul from all over the world, about the UFO phenomenon.

Our main goal is to serve people coming from every country presenting them the proof of the UFO & E.T. phenomenon. The project has been supported by the data and archives of hundreds of associations and institutions worldwide, which are conducting scientific research on this subject.

Something In The Air

Melbourne Herald Sun, Jan 8, 2002

SIGHTINGS of UFOs in Malaysia have doubled in the past year. In one, a man claimed he was abducted for 11 days after meeting a square-headed alien. The Centre for Malaysian UFO Studies says six sightings were reported last year compared with three in 2000.

Hubble Reveals Backwards Galaxy

The latest image released from the Hubble Space Telescope shows a spiral galaxy that seems to be rotating in the wrong direction. Astronomers expected that galaxy NGC 4622, located 111 million light-years away in the constellation Centaurus, should rotate counter-clockwise but it actually goes clockwise. It's believed that the galaxy consumed a smaller companion galaxy recently which helped reverse its spin.

Feb 7, 2002, 1:58 p.m.

2001 MUFON Symposium Notes

By Richard Moss

Minnesota MUFON Journal, Issue #91, 2001

Evidence for a crash retrieval near Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 1941. The following is a brief summary, along with some personal thoughts, on a presentation made at the 2001 MUFON Symposium at Irvine CA.

There were fourteen presenters and we were again reminded of the complexity of this subject and the need for specialization.

Ryan S. Wood holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Computer Science from California Polytechnic State University. He has worked for several major computer companies in Silicon Valley and is presently employed with an energy conservation company. His major UFO efforts are in the validation of UFO documents. He has completed a TV documentary titled "The Secret" and has written several papers, one of these on "Abductee Blood Analysis". He is also working towards improving media acceptance of UFOs and on a ten-fold membership increase in MUFON. Mr. Wood manages "The Majestic Documents" website at:

www.majesticdocuments.com

The story, a very brief one, begins when Reverend William Huffman, of the Red Star Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, was called one night in the early spring of 1941 to the site of a crashed vehicle. Police, fire fighters, FBI and photographers were already there. Expecting to see a crashed plane, he found himself looking at a flying saucer. Inside he could see a small metal chair, gauges, dials, and inscriptions. There were two non-human entities lying on the ground next to the craft and a third one farther

away, as though it might have lived for a short time. Pastor Huffman performed blessings for the dead entities.

Two police officers lifted up one of the creatures and stretched out its arms so that a picture could be taken. It was four feet tall, soft looking, had no apparent bone structure, and was wearing a suit (or its skin) which looked like crinkled aluminium foil. It had long hands with possibly three long fingers, oval eyes, a slit mouth, and small dots where the ears would be.

The military arrived and everyone was sworn to secrecy, but Pastor Huffman shared the story with his family anyway. Later, a member of his congregation gave him a picture of the dead creature. This man was a professional photographer who had carried a small camera in his pocket to the crash site.

Mr. Wood's presentation at the MUFON Symposium in Irvine CA was centred on the witnesses, and the document trail, that lend credence to the story.

The principal witness is Charlette Mann, the granddaughter of Reverend Huffman, who had originally written a letter to Len Stringfield who included it in his book "UFO Crash Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum, Status Report VI". She had heard bits and pieces of the story, as a child, during conversations between her father and an uncle. But, in 1984 Charlette's grandmother was living with her while receiving chemotherapy for cancer and Charlette succeeded in obtaining the story from her before she died. She had made a commitment to her husband to never

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speak of it, but Charlette's pleading helped change her mind.

Mr. Wood showed parts of a videotaped interview with Charlette at the Symposium. Here's hoping that this interview will be part of his TV documentary mentioned above.

She remembers having seen the picture and recalls that her father, Guy Huffman, at one time had shown it to some people at a dinner party. In the early 1950's he gave the photo to a photographer friend as proof of the story. This man, Walter Wayne Fisk, was tracked down by Stan Friedman in New Mexico and spoke to him on the telephone. Since then, Fisk has refused to respond to phone calls and letters written by Charlette Mann. Charlette's sister has confirmed the story, as has the living brother of the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff in 1941.

There are also leaked documents that hint of crashes prior to 1947. In the MAJIC Eyes Only presidential briefing of 09-24-47 is stated that "Based on all available evidence collected from the recovered exhibits currently under study by AMC, etc. RAND, USAAF, & MIT, are deemed extraterrestrial in nature. This conclusion was reached as a result of comparisons of artefacts -- (BLACKED OUT)-- discovery in 1941. The technology is outside the scope of U.S. science, even that of German rocket and aircraft: development." So, we have the reference to something in 1941, and the blacked out segment seems to have the right amount of length to contain the words from the Missouri.

In a later part of the document we read, "Even the recovery case of 1941 did not create a unified intelligence effort to exploit possible techno-

logical gains with the exception of the Manhattan Project."


In Einstein's memo to Oppenheimer in June 1947 (pre-dating Roswell by at least a few days), he introduces the first use of the phrase "extra-terrestrial biological entities." It sounds as if he knew something.

Wood made a point of listing both reasons to think a document might be authentic along with liabilities that might cast doubt upon it.

Regarding the crash site, remote viewer Joe McMoneagle has provided data suggesting there are still pieces of wreckage that are recoverable.

The reader is encouraged to access "The Majestic Documents" website at the address shown earlier. Click on "MAJESTIC DOCUMENTS" on the left: margin, and then on "Documents Dated Prior to 1998." Within these twenty-six documents, intimations of a knowledge of alien technology prior to Roswell can sometimes be inferred.

This account is a very condensed summary of the main points of Mr. Wood's presentation. You are encouraged to obtain a copy of the "MUFON 2001 INTERNATIONAL UFO SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS" which contains the written presentations of all fourteen speakers. With postage, the price is \$28.50 from MUFON, PO Box 369, Morrison CO 80465-0369.

 Article forwarded from the publication "The UFO Enigma", Issue: Oct 2001. Address: P.O. Box 31544, St. Louis, MO 63131.

A Huge UFO Filmed In Argentina

By Gordon Creighton

Flying Saucer Review, Volume 46/4, Winter 2001

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At about 9.00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23rd of this year, at Cachi (25° 05S, 66° 10W) in the Andes, just to the west of Salta, Argentina, a well-known local journalist, athlete, and mountaineer, Antonio Zuleta, aged 59, claims to have filmed an enormous UFO "as big as a football stadium". He himself is an employee of the FM San Jose Radio Station at Salta, and he and his wife were driving in to Salta to take their sick small daughter to the hospital. He owns an up-to-date model of the Sony Camcorder, which he never fails to carry around with him wherever he goes.

The giant object was at a height, he estimated, of about maybe 20,000 ft. It appeared at times to vary somewhat in shape, as is so often stated, but its general appearance seemed to be round or oval. It was travelling slowly, had green and red lights, was "surrounded by a greenish outline", had a white core, and was emitting sky-blue or violet tinged beams. When it finally vanished, it was at a fantastic speed.

He filmed the craft from several different locations, for more than 34 minutes. The actual filmed footage lasts for 10 minutes. He estimated its distance from him to be about 14 km.

He told his story to the newspaper El Tribuno, of Salta, and they carried reports of it on June 25 and June 27. They got the leading local Salta expert on UFOs to examine the film, which appears to have been accepted by him, and by everyone else, as unquestionably genuine, and the paper announced that plans were in hand to have the film shown at the forthcoming "First

World Congress on UFOs", to be held at Mar del Plata, Argentina, on August 17/18. (The name of this local UFO expert in Salta was given as Daniel Quiroga Nunez, a member of the **Red Argentino De Ovnilogia (Argentine UFO Research Network)**). He said that in his opinion the film was something of very great scientific importance).

In its issue of July 2, El Tribuno reported furthermore that Antonio Zuleta had secured two more filmings of UFOs. The first, at 1.00 a.m. in the early morning (July 2), filmed for 8 minutes, over Cachi. The second, on the following day, was when he was driving in the mountains near Chicoana.

[This account is my condensed and translated precis of the ten pages of Internet text received by us, covering the period June 25 - July 2. The principal researchers and senders are Scott Corrales (Institute of Spanish Ufology), Bob Pratt, Mercedes Casa (Argentina), Alberto Francisco do Carmo (Brazil). Our thanks to all. G.C.]

Additional Note

By August 10 we had received 7 1/2 more pages of Internet material dealing with this extraordinary case, which seems to have caught the attention of the entire world, being reported extensively in every principal language -and (so Alberto Carmo tells us) -in no less than a total of 64,000 pages of Internet! Moreover Antonio Zuleta, who filmed the UFO, is daily receiving an average of 200 telephone calls from all over the world, and ten Television networks are

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clamouring for the exclusive right to his photographs, and the poor chap is so overwhelmed that he has been obliged to appoint a lawyer to handle everything for him!

All of which really does seem to indicate that the knowledge about UFOs and interest in the problem are now "catching on" very widely in the world.

Emboldened by all this hubbub, two police officers, Sergeant Daniel Humberto Flores, aged 40, and Assistant Constable Ramiro Corimayo, aged 27, have now come forward and announced that

at 4.00 am one day in May of this year, as they were driving to Salta to deliver a prisoner to the local gaol, they too had encountered a similar enormous UFO. According to their account in El Tribuno (Salta, July 2) the craft, round and possibly 60 ft wide, was of a dazzling, vivid whiteness, lighting up the entire countryside around and emitting an intermittent torrent of flashes of red, yellow, violet, and green. It came close to them and at first stalled their engine then, for an hour, it flew parallel with their vehicle, at an estimated distance of 300 m from them. No sound from it could be detected. G.C.

New Estimate of Exoplanets in Our Galaxy Made by Australian Researchers

Charley Lineweaver and Daniel Grether of the University of New South Wales have made new calculations that revise the current estimate of Jupiter-like planets in our galaxy up by more than 50%.

The new estimate pegs Jupiter-like planets in the Milky Way galaxy in excess of a billion but probably more like 30 billion. The estimate is very significant in the search for planets that may hold life.

Lineweaver describes our solar system as "Jupiter and a bunch of junk", and explains that Jupiter, with the majority of the mass of the whole solar system (except the Sun) has performed the role of protector during the formation of life on Earth by absorbing many of the asteroids and comets that could have destroyed that life.

Jupiter still performs the role today as it did in 1994 when the comet Shoemaker-Levy was lured to its death by Jupiter's gravitational pull.

For each Jupiter-like planet, there may be an Earth-like planet also. The possibilities for life are enormous.

The current number of planets detected outside our solar system is about 80 but these are all very large and orbit very close to their host stars making them very unlikely candidates to host life. Experts believe that smaller planets in comfortable orbits exist but our current technology is limited in finding them.

UFO Investigator Chases Out-of-This-World Reports

By Michael Sangiacomo
Plain Dealer Reporter

Supplied by UFO Newsclipping Service

Denise Knitz saw a strange egg-shaped object in the sky as she drove along Interstate 75 near Bowling Green. It was low and slow, kissing the treetops until it suddenly streaked across the night sky.

At least 17 other travellers say they also saw the object Oct. 31.

John Timmerman of Lakeview, near Lima, was not one of the 18, but he smiles when he talks about it. He says Knitz's sighting may be the best "close encounter" he has investigated in more than 50 years because it had "multiple, credible witnesses giving the same very specific information."

Timmerman, treasurer of the Centre for UFO Studies in Chicago, has been investigating mysterious objects in the night sky and silvery discs in the daylight since 1948. Even though he has "never been blessed with the experience" of having seen a UFO himself, the 77-year-old retired banker from Lima is convinced that something is out there.

"I believe that the source of these sightings is extraterrestrial," he said. "We're being visited by something from a place so different that we can't even comprehend it. People always criticize the lack of a perfect, clear photograph of a UFO. Maybe these things cannot be photographed at all."

Sceptics like Lawrence Krauss, chairman of the physics department at Case Western Reserve University, argue that believing UFOs are piloted by extraterrestrials is ridiculous.

"Consider the enormous amount of time and energy that would be needed to get here," he said. "It would take the energy of a star to do it. And why would they do it just to drop in and take off again? Also, the government has a huge amount of software to detect anything entering our atmosphere. They would see it."

When asked about government surveillance of UFOs, Timmerman laughed at alleged disinterest by federal authorities.

"The government pretends not to care about UFOs," said Timmerman. "How could they ignore something with that kind of impact? I think the government has been having high-performance aircraft taking pictures of these things for years. They don't need us to tell them about UFOs; they know all about them."

The official line

Timmerman worked closely with the late J. Allen Hynek, the founder of the Centre for UFO Studies. Hynek worked with the U.S. Air Force on Project Blue Book, the official investigation into flying-saucer sightings from 1952 to 1969.

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The Air Force concluded that there was insufficient evidence to prove the existence of alien visitations. Timmerman said Hynek was unhappy with the reports and complained that the Air Force investigators merely used him for legitimacy in the UFO field.

Timmerman noted the thousands of reports each year from people across the country who say they saw strange things in the sky. The reports come from police officers, pilots, professionals, politicians, and people from all levels of the social strata.

Krauss said that in order for scientists to take note of alien life, someone would have to come up with extraordinary evidence, such as a chunk of alien technology, or a chunk of an alien. Photos and eyewitness testimony, no matter how credible, are not enough, he said.

So volunteers such as Timmerman continue to plug along, looking for that unimpeachable sighting. He approaches his job cautiously, looking for logical explanations to the phenomena.

Defying explanation

Over the years, he has interviewed several thousand people who claimed to have seen unidentified flying objects. He said most of the sightings are easily explained as high-flying aircraft; the bright planet Venus (often mistaken for a UFO); advertising blimps; or hoaxes.

"Then there are the sightings that we cannot explain," he said. "Those are the ones I investigate."

Ohio, with 356 sightings, ranks ninth in the nation for the overall number of UFO sightings since the mid-1980s, according to the National

UFO Reporting Centre in Seattle. The Web site at www.nwlink.com/~ufocntr/ lists brief reports on all the sightings.

Timmerman, who concentrates on sightings in Ohio, wishes he could conduct more thorough investigations, but he is constrained by time, travel and finances. He has no high-tech laboratory to study soil samples or plant fibres but consults with scientists and astronomers frequently.

"At the very least, I document what happened," he said. "I have thousands of reports filed by people who have seen UFOs and hundreds of taped interviews. I'm just one guy, but I do what I can. I feel I can at least pass on this wealth of information and raw data to someone who will take up where I left off someday."

He said he has become something of an expert in interviewing people who have seen UFOs, and he can spot a prankster in a minute.

'It was real'

He was thrilled to speak with Knitz, 42, of Bloomdale, who contacted him because no one else seemed very interested in what she and others saw that Halloween night. "She and the others saw something very extraordinary," he said. "I would love to know exactly what it was."

Knitz said she was making a delivery for Chuck's Pizza in Cygnet and had just gotten off the Cygnet exit of I-75. She looked right, toward a field, and saw something she will never forget.

"This black craft drifted out over the trees," Knitz said. "It was sort of like an egg on its side with this weird blue-white glow at the back. It was about the size of three cars and had no wings, no wheels, and no tail. It was perfectly

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silent. It was headed right over I-75, not very high off the ground, and it just hung there."

"Then it pivoted about 30 degrees and there was a big burst of light from the back of it and it took off," she continued. "It was there one second, gone the next, leaving a trail of light across the sky."

Knitz said she delivered the pizza, then returned to the area, where she met Tim O'Neil, a classical piano teacher from Michigan. He and a friend were driving home from a Florida vacation. The UFO was still visible.

"It was not far from where I was before," she said. "The man [O'Neil] pointed out over the woods and the thing was there, hovering above the trees. This time, it had orange and green lights on it. They said they tried to get closer to it, but when they did, their car started to lose power. They turned around and fled."

She said she was going to report the sight to police, but O'Neil did it first.

"Our bad luck was that it happened on Halloween," she said. "They thought it was just another crazy Halloween stunt. But it was not; it was real."

"People have told me it was a blimp," she added. "I've seen plenty of blimps in my life, and they don't move like that. I wish I had a logical explanation. The shape and the way it moved really freaked me out."

Timmerman said he might never figure out what Knitz saw, but not for lack of trying. His wife, Margaretha, thinks he tries too hard.

"I want to enjoy our retirement, travel, and do things together," she said. "He's working harder now than he ever did."



John Timmerman of Lakeview, south of Lima, relaxes in his back yard. The 77-year-old retired banker has been investigating UFOs in Ohio and elsewhere for more than 50 years.

For further information from Timmerman, call 937-843-3834.

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New NASA Shuttle Video of UFOs in Space - Jeff Challender has prepared a new hour-long tape of UFOs filmed on recent Shuttle video footage in space. Jeff spends hundreds of hours watching the shuttle broadcasts from space and is now an expert on NASA missions and even those onboard the shuttle are unlikely to see what Jeff does. Using Jeff's directions you will be able to learn the difference between space junk, ice crystals and real UFOs.

Early U.F.O. Sighting 1929

Original report by witness Ken Dyer
76 Newlands Drive, Paynesville 3880

Investigator - Dan Haylock

At Mathoura, a small town in New South Wales, between Echuca and Deniliquin, during 1929, a number of the pupils from the local school had stayed after school to play tennis.

We were all standing around deciding which ones would play the next set, when 2 of us saw an object pass across the sky. It appeared from behind a big fleecy white cloud; it was travelling very fast and in a few moments traversed the clear blue part of the sky before passing out of sight behind another fleecy white cloud. We moved to see it reappear but it didn't show up again.

It was the shape of a bullet or cigar. It was silver in colour. There were no flashing lights and it made no sound.

Unfortunately, the other boy who saw it has since died; therefore I have no one to verify this statement. He must have seen it sooner than I for I remember him saying "gee did you see that?"

We must appreciate the fact that in 1929 there were no aeroplanes or dirigibles that we could have mistaken it for. It had no wings or tail-piece.

Since then our scientists have sent probes into space to photograph other celestial bodies.

Editor's Note: further speculative content not included.

Investigator's Note: Mr Dyer is a retired school principal.

NASA Proposes Atomic Rocket Program

NASA plans to develop atomic-powered rockets that could greatly increase the speed of spacecraft and nuclear reactors to energize outposts on distant planets.

The 2003 NASA federal budget proposes to spend \$46.5 million to begin developing nuclear-electric rockets and \$79 million more to build atomic-powered generators that can fly on spacecraft. Eventually NASA would eliminate chemical rockets that are relatively slow.

To travel greater distances much more powerful and faster propulsion systems are needed. In the last hundred years man first flew powered aircraft in 1903 at a few miles an hour with the Wright Brothers plane to 14,000 mph to go into orbit around Earth. The next hundred years should see a similar increase in speed.

The Early Years

Compiled by Clive Yates

Selected reports from magazines published in the 1950s and 1960s

Kangaroo Island, South Australia - October 26, 1959, *Australian Saucer Record* (Australian Flying Saucer Research Society). A brilliant white light about the size of the Moon was seen from here early today. The sighting was made by Mr W. Taylor of Parndana East at about 4:10 a.m. He called his wife who also watched the light, which gradually faded over a period of about half an hour. The light, which was moving slowly eastwards, was powerful enough at first to show through cloud. Mr Bruce Lane of Parndana also reported seeing the light.

Boyup Brook, Western Australia - October 30, 1967, *The UFO Investigator* (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena). An unusual E-M effect case reportedly occurred on the Kjonup-Mayanup Road, Kulikup, about 10 miles from Mayanup at 9:35 p.m. Constable Lenard Johnson of the Boyup Brook police station detailed the incident. A shearing contractor, who requested that his name not be disclosed, was driving alone toward Boyup Brook when his automobile "suddenly stopped - motor stopped - headlights went out - and car became stationary without any sensation of braking or deceleration". He said he then noticed a "tube of light" about two feet in diameter descend close to his windshield. Looking up the tube, he observed a blue, pulsating, football-shaped object approximately 30 feet in diameter. The much-surprised witness could only sit and stare at the UFO and the light beam for an estimated five minutes. Then the object suddenly sped off disappearing in a "flash".

"When it had gone", Constable Johnson stated in his report, "[the witness] found his motor running, lights on, and [his car] again travelling at 60 to 65 m.p.h. He felt no sensation of acceleration."

Lake Cyprus, Florida - November 26, 1968, *The UFO Investigator* (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena). Four oval-shaped UFOs, the size of large Air Force transports, were encountered over Florida by pilots of two Cessna aircraft. The 30-minute sighting, investigated by aerospace engineers of NICAP's Cape Kennedy Subcommittee, was one of numerous cases reported in the last few months. About dusk two flight instructors and two student pilots in Cessna 150 planes were flying between Winter Haven and Melbourne. The instructors were experienced flyers, each with approximately 4,000 hours pilot time.

The four UFOs, described as about the size of C-130 transports, were first noticed over Lake Cyprus, about 45 miles from Melbourne. They were flying in right echelon formation, some 2,000 yards to the right of the planes. They were travelling at about the speed of the Cessnas at an estimated 1,500 feet altitude. About 10 minutes after the initial observation, one of the white, oval objects descended to "near or on the ground" as the remaining UFOs continued to pace the planes. Approximately 10 miles from Melbourne one of the pilots turned on his landing lights, executed a sharp right bank and headed on a collision course with the objects. The three objects changed formation to a vertical stack and sped upwards at a speed estimated at 2,000 m.p.h. until they were lost from view.

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Postal: VUFORS, PO Box 1043, Moorabbin, Vic. 3189, Australia.

Lara, Vic. 10th Aug 2001, Evening.

Last Friday night, my male friend and I had an experience with some sort of phenomenon. We were walking behind the car park of a local cinema complex when we saw flashing lights in the sky. It appeared to be a very big and long light. It was neither a star, nor a planet because it was travelling very fast. Normally, an airplane cannot travel that fast, we followed it and it was following us. We do not know exactly what this light was but we certainly know it was not a star, planet, plane or normal light of some sort.

We stopped between Bacchus Marsh and Lara, got out of our car and had a very good look at this light. We telephoned the Geelong Advertiser to find out whether they have had any recent discoveries of the same type. We then got back into the car and drove off but this thing was chasing/following us. When we got home this object/light was looking at us. I took out my male friend's large torch and flashed three times back at the object.

We waited for two minutes and it flashed silver, orange, yellow, blue and green lights back at us.

Then it suddenly disappeared that fast! The next day, I suffered from very bad migraines, felt very tired and drowsy!

Hampton Park, Vic. 13th Aug 2001, 9:05 p.m.

A round bright orange light with a green tinge appeared as though half the size of the full moon. It remained in a stationary position for 3 minutes, approximately 2-5 km away, and then moved away in a straight line until out of sight. A number of witnesses were standing in the street and had a clear view of these events. The object appeared to have rays as are seen when looking into the sun.

The Grampians, Vic. 21st Nov 2001, 10:35 p.m.

Witness, looking towards the east, observed six white domed objects, as "big as a house" and approximately 4 km away. At about 12 km away, it appeared stationary for about five minutes, and then at 4 km it was visible for 25 seconds. Its movements were very slow at first, and then it came in very fast, rotated slowly and was gone in seconds. Weather conditions were fine and dry.

Launceston, Tas. 14th Jan 2002, 9:10 p.m.

I thought I was watching a plane coming in from Melbourne, but thought strange its direction and speed (too slow). I watched it until it should have appeared with normal plane shape, but could not see that, so I took more interest.

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There were no lights as it came on first trajectory. Then it had a few blinks of light, before this became solid red light on the bottom side of the object and at this point it changed direction to take it up to the bottom of a cloud. It seemed to stop just below the cloud for a couple of minutes, and then went up through the cloud and that was the last I saw of it.

I waited for about 20 minutes to see if it came into sight from the boundary of the cloud, but it didn't. A commercial flight would have gone either through or above the same cloud. I checked with Air Traffic, and that commercial plane was the only other thing in the sky so that is why I am lodging this report.

The evening sky was very sharp for viewing, with very bright late afternoon sunlight together with sharp contrast with a large black cloud, and blue sky around this.

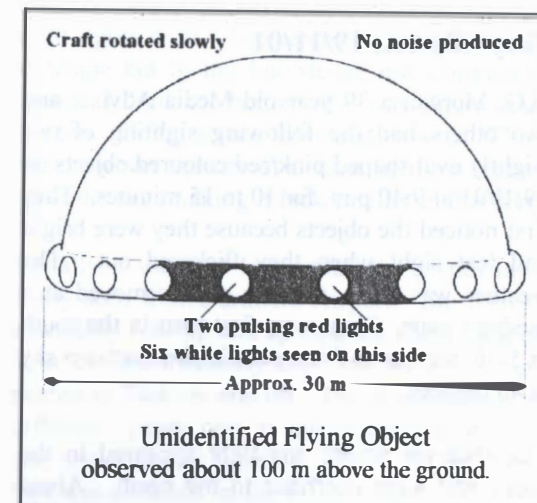
90 Mile Beach, Vic. 19th Jan 2002, 6:00 p.m.

A light, the size of a tic-tac held at arms length, was visible, but the shape was indistinguishable because of the distance and light reflections. The shape was also surrounded by a heat shimmer. The object moved, stopped and hovered then altered direction several times. The movement was not fluid, but deliberate. The estimated speed was similar to that of a passenger jet and it was travelling at a similar altitude.

Wartook Valley, Vic. 24th Jan 2002, 10:05 p.m.

A pale yellow glow was observed in the dark night sky. This drew the observer's attention to a craft in the Wartook Valley at 10:05 p.m. The craft rotated slowly and was about 100 metres from the ground.

It was later seen near the Illawarra Forest at 11:15 p.m. As he approached the craft, two red lights pulsed. When he flashed his headlights in response, the craft moved away. The craft was about 30 metres wide and made no noise.



Nyah West, Vic. 31st Jan 2002, 9:40 p.m.

Whilst driving from Nyah to Nyah West – 3 km, an extremely bright light or lights, appeared to alternate yellow, orange to white. They were sighted high in the sky just north of west, dropping at controlled speed, slightly slower than a falling star, to a position of approximately 15 degree angle, moving slightly to south and disappearing from sight behind trees after 10 minutes.

The lights rose and dropped two or three times and there was no noise, or tail observed through binoculars. The observer was unable to say if a single large light or two lights close together overlapping in colour change were being observed. The lights did not appear as any aircraft lights I have seen.

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Colin Norris

Australian International UFO Flying Saucer Research Inc.

Wayville SA, 19/11/01

H.G. Morgan a 39 year old Media Adviser and two others had the following sighting of two slightly oval shaped pink/red coloured objects on 19/11/01 at 9:40 p.m. for 10 to 15 minutes. They first noticed the objects because they were bright and lost sight when they flickered out. The weather was clear, and the objects moved at a medium pace. They were first seen in the south at 5-10 degrees and last seen in the northern sky at 45 degrees.

The observer wrote; one light appeared in the south and went overhead to the north. About five minutes later another one appeared and did the same but slightly to the west of the previous light. They were not satellites, space stations, or comets as I have seen all previously

Paradise SA, 15/12/01

Fred Jarratt, a 69 year old Company Director and his wife had a sighting starting at 8:30 p.m. on 15/12/01 that lasted over 2 hours and thirty minutes. They report four large star like lights that were white with occasional blue at 30 degrees in the north east sky, The objects moved slowly with a small zigzag motion, The objects were still moving north when the couple retired for the evening, They were attracted by the brightness of the objects.

Mr. Jarratt wrote; it kept coming towards us, similar to the incoming flight path of commercial aircraft, but as it came nearer, it was rising up to forty degrees and moving to my left (north)

in a lazy type of zigzag (slight). We watched it over a two and a half hour period and in that time it came towards us and appeared to go higher in the sky. We noticed its path of movement by the high gatepost across the road including the telegraph post and its parallel wires. It was a still clear starry night and when I phoned Colin Norris and told him where, he had no problem seeing it when I mentioned it was over Modbury and he lived a further 15 km from here.

Darlington SA, 25/12/01

At 1:25 a.m. on 25/12/01, Darren Curtis aged 25, Brad Pitt aged 21 and two other friends, all students, were driving in Darlington when they observed an orange light in the sky that appeared to be an airplane taillight, but it was below the flight path. The light was travelling north when first observed and east when they lost sight 5 minutes later. The weather was cloudy and the object moved slow then fast in a zigzag motion. Their attention was gained when the light dropped a large distance and then changed direction. They all felt excited.

They wrote; it was travelling north over the city, the orange light was flashing. It changed direction slightly N/E, it dropped over 100 feet within 1/2 a second. It did a 90-degree turn and the orange light stayed on. It then took-off really fast, about ten times the original speed, over Blackwood; it did a slight turn and disappeared in a white flash of light. Before it disappeared one of us saw a shadow effect of a large triangle against the clouds.

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Waikerie SA, 27/12/01

Peter Howard, a 55 year old Wood Turner, was in Waikerie looking for satellites when on 27/12/01 at 10:30 p.m. he and five others had this six second sighting. They observed two round white objects 4-5 times larger than Venus, at 80 degrees in the southwest sky, disappear into the northeast sky. The night was clear and the objects moved fast. They lost sight when both faded out. They felt surprised.

Peter wrote; we were looking for satellites when we saw (2) travelling in the same direction, probably as bright as a medium star. The one behind suddenly grew bigger as it appeared to hurtling towards us, at a great speed. After a few seconds it rapidly dimmed and travelled on, with the other "satellite" until both faded out.

Dernancourt SA, 29/12/01

Mrs. Tina Adamo of Denancourt was in her drive way on 29/12/01 at 12:32 a.m. when she had the following sighting. She observed the following for 2-3 seconds. A ring of lights around a cone shaped object. The lights were translucent yellow. The object was about the size of a small car. It was coming down from a height of about 1 km. She lost sight of it when it went behind the tree line. She did not know if it landed. The night was cloudy and the object moved at a medium pace. The observer reports feeling petrified.

She writes; don't know how high up it would have been as it was on its way down when I noticed the yellow object, it also had a row of bright lights flashing around the bottom. The object then changed direction when it went to the right side moving down.

Parahills West SA, 20/07/01

On 20/07/01 at 2:30 a.m., a thirty year old Hairdresser of Parahills West and her husband had the following sighting in the back yard of their home. They reported an object with approx. eight lights on it. The centre was round (Oval) in shape but to my knowledge not completely round. I think the bottom of it was bigger than the top. Going across from east to west. They believe it was the size of a street light but higher up in the sky (making it look smaller in the sky).

Initially it was just lower than the planes normally seen from Parafield Airport. But then it eventually rose up and up until they lost sight of it in the northwesterly sky. At the end it appeared to flash on and off. The object moved at different speeds and at one stage appeared to stay stationary for a period of time. Their attention was attracted by the bright object in the sky at that hour. They felt - never seen anything like it, it was very exciting, got adrenaline going, curious.

They wrote; photos - had photos done on 21". All photos of mine turned out even one a few weeks ago I took of the moon and a star. That turned out. The two photos I took with a flash came out completely blank. The photo lady said if it was a bright object in the sky it should at least show up on the negative. It did not - as I've heard, things have been said to follow after a sighting like this. Some unusual things have happened at home. Light turned on in the morning 3 times in a row. Seeing a flash of light on me in my room approximately 1 1/2 hours after the sighting. Other small incidents, I believe it is bizarre, but I am at peace with myself and a happy experience.

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UFO ENCOUNTER, October-November 2001, Compiled by Sheryl Gottschall

Hoppers Crossing, Melbourne **Saturday 21/07/01 03:10 a.m.**

The witness was outside having a cigarette when he observed a crescent-shaped object about half the size of the moon moving due south in the sky. It was a dullish silver colour, not particularly bright, and climbing at 30 degrees. He went inside and tried to look out the window. He went to wake his wife but the object disappeared. The witness had been a member of the Air Force for 12 years and had never seen anything like it before.

Eight Mile Plains **Sunday 29/07/01 09:30 p.m.**

Two orange lights were observed travelling from the south then heading due east. They were bigger than stars, travelling in formation, described as not being aircraft. One of the lights went down towards the ground and disappeared, the other continued on.

Thornlands **Monday 30/07/01 05:40 p.m.**

A couple were sitting outside when they observed a lime-green light with a white tail. They watched it for a few seconds when it fell at a slant behind some clouds and disappeared. They had seen the same thing a few years previously.

Labrador **Friday 10/08/01 08:30 p.m. - 09:00 p.m.**

A man was standing outside in the evening when he observed a bright soft orange light in the northwestern sky at 20 degrees altitude. It was moving in a southeasterly direction and was one-tenth the size of the moon. He called his

wife and stepdaughter out to see it too. It moved in a straight line, had no tail and was constant. He is an amateur astronomer.

Bribie Island **Friday 17/08/01 11:41 p.m.**

Three people were on the beach looking for a campsite when an object lit up into an odd green light turning night into day. The whole city of Caloundra turned green. The object was a round circle with a green light behind it, very intense. The object was just above the ocean and every direction around it was clearly lit up. It was estimated to be 4 km from the witnesses and lit up the inside of the car they were in. This intense light lasted for about 8 seconds and was too bright to look at. The witnesses discussed it with friends but didn't really want to talk about it.

Wellington Point **Saturday 25/08/01 08:00 p.m.**

A round orange light was reported moving to the northwest at an elevation of 75 degrees. After it went out there was a noise and the dogs began barking. Its apparent size was half that of the full moon and it passed overhead at plane level. The sound it made was like the rumbling of a jet plane and was heard about one minute after the object passed overhead. The sound lasted for one to two minutes.

Daisy Hill **Sunday 02/09/01 11:35 a.m.**

While driving along the freeway a man was looking west when he saw a shooting star. It appeared aluminium in colour and approxi-

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mately 10 km away. It was at an elevation of 30 degrees and was falling and slowing down as if it were out of balance. It appeared to be the size of a plate and was electric blue in colour. He observed it for 2 seconds. He also had a sighting two years ago when he was outside at 2:15 a.m. and saw a 'car container' floating through the sky. He got 37 people outside to see it too. It was like a red ember with five red jets on its end and sped up when the embers came on. He observed it for 6 1/2 minutes and others saw it too. It seemed to be 800 to 900 metres away and 100 to 200 feet high.

Warrego Highway near Tivool **Tuesday 04/09/01 10:00 p.m.**

Two large circular white lights were seen in the sky. They followed the caller's wife while she was driving the car. They were half the size of the moon about 4 to 5 inches apart and illuminated the ground when they came up behind her. They were very bright, like a high beam headlight.

Wycliffe Well NT **Tuesday 11/09/01 9:30 p.m.**

Blue green and white flashing lights were seen in a straight line by a group of young people. They were seen for about 45 minutes. The caller has seen many unusual lights in the sky; one of these was an orange shaped disc hovering with no sound. He observed it for 4 -5 seconds and it took off.

Holland Park **Monday 17/09/01 10:30 p.m.**

A woman saw 4 to 5 orange lights evenly spaced travelling from the southwest. She called to her husband and they went to the backyard to have a look. By then the lights were in the west and in a group, then they dispersed and disappeared.

The lights were watched for 2 minutes. They were bigger than stars and responded to a car horn.

Carseldine **Saturday 06/10/01 09:30 p.m.**

A an orange light about half to a quarter the size of the moon was seen moving quite slowly in a straight line across the sky. It was round, looked like a landing light but bigger, and made no sound. It came towards the witnesses and passed over them, fairly high but lower than an aircraft. It was last seen in the southeast and was lost behind some trees.

Emmaville near Glen Innes **Reported 09/10/01**

One year previously, a man and his son were fossicking when they saw a big light coming over the trees on the horizon. 20 seconds later it was over the top of them, then disappeared. It was glowing white hot like a searchlight. It was much brighter than the evening star and 4 to 5 times larger.

Townsville **Reported Friday 12/10/01**

Two years previously a man was travelling in a sleeping cabin on a train when he had a UFO sighting. He saw two objects together near Bowen heading in a straight line. The two objects joined and there was an explosion like a star burst.

Park Ridge **Friday 19/10/01 08:53 p.m.**

A man saw a light like a shooting star moving horizontally, low in the sky. It was moving in a wavy line, stopped then disappeared. It was moving about eight times faster than a plane,

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almost flat and dull white in colour. It was seen at an elevation of 15 to 30 degrees and observed for 6 to 8 seconds.

Bundaberg

Sunday 21/10/01 09:20 p.m. (email report)

I wish to report the following UFO sighting witnessed at 09:20 p.m. on Sunday Oct 21, 2001, in our backyard in the outer suburb of Avoca, Bundaberg, Qld.

While standing outside in our backyard at 09:20 p.m., my partner and I observed a string of 5 bright orange lights in the southwestern sky travelling from a southerly direction and heading in a northerly direction at tree-line height for a duration of 5-10 mins. A singular bright orange light was observed first before other's appeared behind it at close intervals until a line of five bright orange lights were visible over about half of the southern sky.

They moved slowly north in a uniform line until the third object dropped in altitude but not in speed. They passed just below the Moon (quarter) except for the fourth object, which went through the Moon's light. They continued moving north slowly and became less bright before disappearing.

I observed them while standing in our backyard, and was witnessed by my partner. The objects were much brighter and larger than the closest star and travelled without any audible sound.

The night was clear and fine. The objects displayed no characteristic similarities to any aircraft. Each light remained a constant bright orange with no flashing observed. They were travelling in a rising angle. The Moon and stars were clearly seen.

A vague oval shape was observed from a side view when the fourth object passed through the light of the Moon. Prior to this, all five objects appeared round in shape. We have not reported the sighting to any other groups.

Dalby

Thursday 25/10/01 07:30 p.m.

A woman was out walking when she saw a bright orange ball coming down to the ground in a straight line at 80 degrees. It had a long tail and lit the sky up in an orange light. She observed it for 2 seconds. She rang the Oakey army base and was told the MPs there saw it too.

Samsonvale

Wednesday 31/10/01 (just after dark)

A bright orange light three times as big as a star was seen to be moving in a straight line in the eastern sky. It moved from Samsonvale towards Carseldine then started moving to the right and disappeared. It was about 15 to 20 degrees above the horizon and travelling in the flight path. A plane was seen at the time but the object was moving differently than a plane.

It's Madness to Believe That Man is Alone

Vatican Astronomer - Jesuit George Coyne, director of the Vatican Observatory, is convinced of the existence of extraterrestrial life and states that it is "madness" to think that humans are alone in the universe. Father Coyne and his scientific team reached this conclusion after studying the heavens from the astrophysical research centre located at Castelgandolfo near Rome.

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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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